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25X1 6. [] LIAISON Arthur House, in the
office of Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff (D., Conn.), recently
25X1 accompanied the Senator to the Soviet Union. He met with several
Agency representatives to provide his impression and insight on
the trip. []

25X1 7. [] LIAISON Talked to John Hogan, House
Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Family Farms Rural
Development and Special Studies, in response to a 14 November
letter from Representative Charles Grassley (R., Iowa), Minority
Member of the Subcommittee. In his letter, Representative
Grassley sought an explanation for the CIA's error in estimating
last year's Soviet grain crop and requested information on how
we intend to improve this year's crop estimating. I passed on
the information that I received from [] CSS/NFAC,
summarizing the answers to both questions to Mr. Hogan.
He appreciated our response and requested that we send a letter
to the Subcommittee.

25X1 8. [] LIAISON Accompanied Dan Childs and
Hal Ford, both of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
25X1 staff, to a meeting with []
all of DDO, regarding the Committee's request for an Agency
study on HUMINT. Childs indicated that although some very
good material was included in the Agency's 2 November submission,
he felt the Committee still needs an overall evaluation of the
value of HUMINT. He suggested that this might be done by
evaluating our performance against each of the FY-1978 DDO
objectives plus by giving the Committee an indication of
25X1 unique contributions of HUMINT. [] explained the functions
and work of his EPDS/DDO staff and both Ford and Childs reviewed
25X1 a copy of the FY-78 Foreign Intelligence Reporting Evaluation
for the period 1 April to 30 September 1978. [] indicated
the staff members were welcome to read this and both Childs
25X1 and Ford indicated their belief that this would satisfy the
Committee's needs. Childs asked if highly sensitive and special
25X1 channels reporting was included in this publication. []
indicated it was handled separately and asked the staff to look
at this publication first and then we would discuss what
might be done regarding the most sensitive reports.

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